

Joseph W. Wescott II (Joe) was elected President of the National Association of State Approving Agencies in August 2013. Previous to that, he served two years as NASAA Vice President and on the NASAA Legislative Committee. Wescott was appointed Executive Director of the North Carolina State Approving Agency (NCSAA) in Raleigh North Carolina on September 14, 2009 by the UNC System Board of Governors, at the recommendation of then system president Erskine Bowles. The fourth Executive Director since the agency was established in 1947; Dr. Wescott had previously served three years as an agency program specialist. As Executive Director, he oversees over 280 institutions of higher education throughout North Carolina ensuring quality educational programming for veterans and their eligible dependents. Prior to his appointment, Wescott served in various leadership roles in higher education including director of the office of Planning, Policy and Evaluation at Brunswick Community College, federal relations analyst/government relations representative for Duke University and an adjunct instructor at several colleges and professional organizations. Dr. Wescott is a veteran, having served on active duty as a combat officer in the US Army. Earlier, he attended Wake Forest University on a four year Army ROTC scholarship, graduating with honors. He holds advanced degrees from Wake Forest University and North Carolina State University, including the doctorate in Higher Education Administration. In addition to other duties, Wescott serves as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Leadership, Policy, Adult and Higher Education at NC State University. He serves on numerous national boards and state committees, including the NASAA Executive Board, NC Proprietary Schools Advisory Board, UNC SERVES (System wide Evaluation & Recommendation for Veterans Education & Services) Committee, and the NC Community College System (NCCCS) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Dr. Wescott has written several articles and books on history and higher education topics including the history of the NCCCS, which was published this summer. In 2010, he was elected to the North Caroliniana Society for service to his home state and in 2013 to the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels for service to the state of Kentucky.